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1. CONCERNING PROJECTED PORT DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN EGYPT IN OCTOBER 1976, EMBASSY HAS CONDUCTED REQUESTED MARKET STUDY ON SALES PROSPECTS. WE BELIEVE THESE PROSPECTS TO BE VERY GOOD. WE CAN IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROJECTS OF ABOUT \$400 MILLION WHICH SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO POTENTIAL SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS. EACH OF FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS BRIEFLY OUTLINES DIMENSIONS OF CURRENT PORT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

2. ALEXANDRIA. IBRD, JAPAN AND AID ARE PLANNING TO FINANCE \$90 MILLION PROJECT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ALEXANDRIA PORT. AID IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING ON FINANCING \$30 MILLION OF CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT. CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES WILL BE FINANCED BY OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

3. DEKHEILA. (LOCATED JUST TO WEST OF ALEXANDRIA). GENERAL EGYPTIAN ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION (GOFI) HAS COMMISSIONED FRENCH FIRM TO MAKE MASTER PLAN FOR THIS PORT. SPONGE IRON COMPLEX TO PRODUCE 1.6 MILLION TONS OF SPONGE IRON FROM IMPORTED ORE IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS SITE. THERE ARE ALSO PLANS FOR OTHER TRANSPORTATION RELATED PRIVATE PROJECTS IN DEKHEILA. GOFI ASSUMES THAT ABOUT \$50 MILLION WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEVELOP THIS NEW PORT.

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4. PORT SAID AND SUEZ. PRELIMINARY STUDIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF

THESE PORTS, FINANCED BY WORLD BANK, WERE SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY OF HOUSING & RECONSTRUCTION IN DECEMBER 1975. THEY INDICATED THAT FOLLOWING AMOUNTS SHOULD BE SPECT:

	PORT SAID IN MILLION \$	SUEZ IN MILLION \$
ENGINEERING	2.7	2
EQUIPMENT	16.-	20
CONSTRUCTION	81.-	83
	99.7	105

5. SAFAGA. DEVELOPMENT OF ABU TARTUR PHOSPHAGE PROJECT WILL REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF PORT OF SAFAGA ON RED SEA. PORT CAPACITY, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY PLANS, WOULD BE INCREASED TO HANDLE UP TO 7 MILLION TONS PER YEAR OF PHOSPHATE EXPORTS. ALUMINA IS PRESENTLY BEING IMPORTED THROUGH SAFAGA FOR ALUMINIUM SMELTER AT NAGA HAMADI. DEVELOPMENT COST FOR THIS PORT MAY BE FROM \$60-80 MILLION.

6. LOUIS BERGER ASSOCIATES IN COOPERATION WITH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND MINISTRY OF MARITIME TRANSPORT IS PERFORMING AN OVERALL SURVEY OF EGYPTIAN TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEXT 25 YEARS WHICH IS BEING FINANCED BY WORLD BANK.
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